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INTEGRTAED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ANGORA WOOL
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched an "Integrated Development Programme for Angora Wool";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage private breeding firms to increase wool production and productivity in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur has been implementing an "Angora Wool Development Project" under the Integrated Wool Improvement Programme.

(b): The Angora Development Project was launched to promote angora development as a sustainable livelihood alternative and to increase value addition from angora for the farmers. The Project includes setting up of germplasm centres; setting up of Common Facility Centre; providing facilities for project development; design development and product diversification; setting up of commercially viable feed f production units and health labs and encouraging rabbit rearing, wool production and processing activities at the household level and marketing of programme for raw angora wool, wool blended yarns and finished products. So far 327 identified families have been provided benefits under the project since the year 2000-01.

(c): The project envisaged setting up one Common Facility Centre (CFC) for imparting training especially to rural women in grading, carding and blending of wool. This facility would also be utilized by the wool growers in these regions to process their product; It is proposed to provide 25% subsidy for each of the Centre i.e. Rs.3 lakh each Common Facility Centre. Formation of such CFCs is open for NGOs and private breeders.